the minimum qualification should be taken into consideration.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Hon'ble the mover of the resolution has withdrawn it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Of course if efficiency is sacrificed everything is gone. Would it be possible for the Government to maintain a list of efficient persons who have applied for Government posts and would it also be possible to pick out from such a list the names of the unrepresented communities It is only under the colour of the word efficiency that others feel that they are shut out. That is the complaint.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—As a matter of fact we make a special note of the unrepresented classes. Whenever a vacancy arises, we select one from the unrepresented community and thus we provide them.

President.—We generally give sufficient representation to all communities. Recently I asked an Ezhuva graduate whether he could accept a particular post, but he said that he could not accept it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am very glad to hear that.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have only very recently appointed an Ezhuva in my office.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Very glad that you are coming round.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—But generally I have been appointing more Ezhuvas than any other Departmental Head.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I am very glad to hear that all the officers are in full sympathy with the Ezhuvas.

President.—All the credit goes to the Heads of Departments.

(*The resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

26. Elevation of the untouchable classes.

President.—Then the next resolution is the one standing in the name of Mr. K. T. Mathew, *viz.*, "*That this Council recommends that an annual allotment of at least a lakh of rupees be made for the next three years for the elevation of the so-called untouchable classes.*" But the Member is absent, and, therefore, we shall proceed with the next resolution.

(*The resolution was considered withdrawn.*)

27. Chalakkudi Potteries.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I beg to move the resolution that "*this House recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee to enquire into the reasons for the present stand-still of the Chalakkudi Potteries and to suggest ways and means to run the same on up-to-date lines as a thorough-going Potteries concern.*" The resolution as it stands is sufficiently clear. But the thing is that Chalakkudi has been the seat of all sorts of weakness in industries. It is high time that something should be done to see that the Potteries are worked out. We have expended a

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